



Mountain View Recycling Resource

YOUR SOURCE OF INFORMATION ABOUT • RECYCLING • REUSE • WASTE PREVENTION • POLLUTION PREVENTION • SPRING/SUMMER 2010

Free Shredding Events

For Mountain View Residents

Saturday, March 13, 11 am to 2 pm
Parking lot of Saint Joseph's Church
(Corner of Castro and Church Streets)

- Bring only *confidential* documents such as tax returns, bank statements, medical records, diskettes, CDs, DVDs, VCR tapes, credit cards.
- Paper in binders and notebooks or with staples, paperclips or binder clips accepted.
- Limit 2 paper grocery bags or cardboard storage boxes (10" x 12" x 24").

Questions? Call **650-903-6311**

NEW! At the SMaRT Station (in Sunnyvale)

Quarterly shredding events will now be held at the SMaRT Station (see page 4 for map) for residents of Mountain View, Palo Alto and Sunnyvale.

Saturday, March 27, 8 to 11 am
Saturday, August 28, 8 to 11 am
Saturday, December 18, 8 to 11 am

- Proof of residency required (no commercial/business customers).
- Bring only *confidential* documents such as tax returns, bank statements and medical records.
- Paperclips, staples, spiral notebooks and rubber-bands OK. Please no heavy binders or binder clips.
- Limit 5 banker-sized boxes or paper bags per household.

Questions? Call **650-903-6311**

Citywide Garage Sale and Community Yard Sale

Don't miss the opportunity to shop for or sell used items at these two fun events in May.

Citywide Garage Sale

At Your Home

Saturday, May 1, 8 am to 2 pm

- Free newspaper advertising for sellers.
- Buyers may search online for sale items and locations (WiFi in Mountain View).
- Printed maps available April 30 in the *Voice* newspaper or at City Hall.
- Hold a sale at your home or coordinate a block sale or fundraiser.

Register by April 16 online at www.mvrecycle.org or call **650-903-6227** for form.

Community Yard Sale

At Rengstorff Park (near Central Expressway)

Saturday, May 8, 8 am to 2 pm

- Over 100 vendors in one location with hot bargains, good food and more.
- Admission free to buyers. Sellers register to rent space for a small fee.

Register by April 16. Call **650-903-6331** for information.



On Call Plus Clean Up Program

The *On Call Plus* clean up program is a service available to most residents at no charge*. Residents may schedule three free appointments each year, at their convenience, on normal service days. Each appointment can be used to set out extra trash, recycling or yard waste PLUS up to three bulky items, such as appliances or furniture.

* Apartment managers must call Recology at 650-967-3034 to arrange a complex-wide special collection (extra fees apply).

Set-Out Guidelines

- Visit *Clean Up Programs* at www.mvrecycle.org for detailed guidelines.
- Place items in an area no larger than 8 feet long by 4 feet high and 4 feet wide.
- Bags, boxes and bundles may not weigh more than 50 pounds or be longer than 4' in length.
- **Extra fees apply** for refrigerators, computer monitors, televisions and up to 4 passenger vehicle tires.
- We do **NOT** accept concrete, soil, rock, tree stumps, construction debris or household hazardous waste.

Vouchers

Residents may exchange any of the On Call appointments for a voucher to self-haul items directly to the SMaRT Station (see page 4 for map). Each voucher is good for one vehicle entrance. Call Recology at **650-967-3034** to request vouchers a week before.

Schedule a Pick-Up

It's easy! Call Recology at 650-967-3034 to schedule a pick-up. Keep items separated for collection by different trucks (trash, recyclables, yard trimmings, electronics, furniture). Place items at curbside.

FREE! Electronic Waste Recycling Event

At Microsoft (parking lot), 1065 La Avenida

From Shoreline turn right on Pear, right on Inigo, left on La Avenida

Saturday, March 6, 8 am to 2 pm

No Appointment Necessary! This State-certified program is operated by the County of Santa Clara on behalf of the cities. The recycling contractor was carefully chosen to ensure the e-waste is properly handled (no waste is sent overseas). Items accepted:

Computer monitors	Laptops
Keyboards	Computer desktop
Printers	Mouse
CRT screens	Copier
Cell Phones	Plasma screens
Faxes	Speakers
Televisions	Calculators
Telephones	LCD Screens
Stereo Systems	...and more!



Household hazardous wastes (HHW) such as paint, motor oil, etc. are NOT accepted at this event. For a HHW drop-off, or for more information about this e-waste event, visit www.hhw.org or call **408-299-7300**.

Safe Medication Disposal and Thermometer Exchange

At Arbor Day Celebration

Saturday, March 13, 11 am to 1 pm

(near Castro Street behind City Hall)

- Bring old and unwanted prescription pills, drugs and other medications for safe and proper disposal (no controlled substances). Place medicines in zip lock bags.
- Swap old mercury thermometers for less toxic ones while supplies last. Place old thermometers in zip lock bags (separate from medicines).
- No other household hazardous wastes will be accepted.

Questions? Call **650-903-6311**.



How to Recycle at Home

Household Batteries

Place used batteries in the bag provided by Recology Mountain View and set on top of cart. Recology will empty it and return the bag to you for reuse. (Please put tape over battery terminals to reduce the risk of fire. Spent batteries may have enough voltage remaining to start a fire.)

Mixed Containers (Blue Lid)

Place glass bottles and jars, plastic bottles and wide-mouth tubs #1 through #7, metal cans and metal lids in the cart under the blue lid.

Paper (Grey Lid)

Put newspaper, mixed paper, food boxes and small cardboard pieces in the cart under the grey lid.

Used Motor Oil and Filters

Put used motor oil and filters in containers provided by Recology and set on top of the curb.

Cardboard

Flatten and tie or tape into bundles no more than 3’x3’ in size and place on top of curb next to recycle cart.

Extra yard trimmings and recycling

If you *regularly* have extra recycling or yard waste, order a larger or second cart (no charge). If you *occasionally* need more service, use an On Call Plus Clean Up appointment (no charge) or schedule an extra collection (\$10/cart). Call Recology Mountain View at **650-967-3034**.

Extra garbage

Purchase extra garbage stickers (\$5) from any local Lucky, Safeway, Nob Hill or Rite-Aid (Grant Road), the City Library or Finance Department at City Hall. Attach one sticker to each 32-gallon garbage bag and place next to your garbage cart.



Where to Set Out Carts

- 1** Set out all carts **in the street** by 7 am on collection day. Remove carts no later than the next day.
- 2** Place carts in the street **at least 18 inches apart** (for mechanical collection). Keep carts away from overhanging trees, carports and balconies.
- 3** Store the carts inside the garage or behind a fence, hedge, or area screened from street view as a courtesy to your neighbors. If these areas are unavailable, place the carts on the side of the garage or house.
- 4** Do not place carts on top of the curb or on the sidewalk unless there are obstructions such as parked cars or parking is prohibited. In this situation, driver will manually collect carts from the top of the curb.

Questions? Call Recology Mountain View at 650-967-3034.

WHAT’S RECYCLABLE?

What’s accepted?		What’s not accepted?	
<div>Paper All paper should be clean and without food residue. Catalogs, magazines, telephone books (no plastic wrapper) Cereal and cake mix boxes (remove all liners) Computer and plain fax paper Construction or art paper (less than 50% painted) Corrugated cardboard boxes (flattened) Egg cartons (paper only) Gift-wrapping paper and greeting cards Junk mail and envelopes (plastic windows okay) Manila file folders Newspaper and inserts Paper (any color), tablet paper and backs Paper bags Paperback books Post-it notes Shoe or clothes boxes (flattened) Shredded paper (no plastic bag) Store receipts (NCR carbonless ok)</div>	<div>Metal Cans Aluminum cans and foil Metal food cans and lids Steel and tin cans </div> <div>Plastic Bottles and Tubs #1 through #7 Baby wipe tubs Bakery, deli and salad tubs (no clamshells)* Catsup bottles Cottage cheese tubs Detergent bottles Margarine tubs Milk jugs Peanut butter jars Prescription bottles Shampoo bottles Syrup bottles Water, soda and juice bottles Yogurt tubs</div>	<div>Paper Any paper with food residue Beverage cups, coffee cups Binder clips (staples and small paperclips okay) Donut boxes, fast-food cups, burger wrappers Egg cartons (polystyrene foam) Foil gift wrap Food and candy wrappers, snack or potato chip bags Frozen food boxes Hardback books Ice cream cartons Milk, soy, juice cartons or bags Paper covered with paint or pet waste Pizza boxes Plastic-coated papers (photographs) Spiral-bound notebooks or vinyl binders Tissues, paper towels, paper plates Waxed (dark brown) cardboard</div> <div>Metal Aerosol can (empty or full) Construction debris, nails, metal pipes or car parts Pots, pans and appliances</div> <div>Glass Any glass that is not a bottle or jar Ceramic coffee cups or dishes Drinking glasses Fluorescent tubes or any light bulb Mirrors, picture frame glass, window glass</div>	<div>Plastic Any plastic container not marked #1 through #7 Any plastic that is not a bottle, tub or jar Any plastic container larger than 2-gallons Beverage cups, plates, utensils and straws Bubble-wrap, shrink-wrap, plastic tarps Buckets, laundry baskets, crates, plant pots, pails Clamshells (deli, fast-food)* Computer disks or “jewel” boxes for disks Foam beverage cups, food or meat trays Foam packaging, blocks or “peanuts” (Styrofoam) Garden hoses or plastic toys Lids and caps Medical waste (saline bags, needles/ syringes) Photographs, negatives, microfiche, transparencies Plastic bags of any kind even if marked #1 through #7 Plastic pens, pencils, glue bottles and glue sticks Styrofoam Toothpaste and ointment tubes</div> <div></div>

* Clamshells are containers with a connected lid.

For Homes with Split Carts: When is my Collection Day?

Find Your Collection Day/Recycling Week:

- 1 Locate your neighborhood on the map below and note the collection day and color (or use the online street index below*).
- 2 Match the color to the calendar at right for the recycling week (i.e. Grey = Week B).**Example:** On Church Street between Hope and Castro, garbage day is every Tuesday, and recycling day is every other Tuesday starting on January 5 (Week A).

Questions? Call Recology Mountain View for schedules.

Apartments with group carts should call Recology at **650-967-3034** for schedules.

Holidays

Collection occurs on all holidays except Thanksgiving (November 25), Christmas (December 25) and New Year’s Day (January 1). If your collection day falls on or after the holiday, collection will occur one day later that week, with Friday collection on Saturday.

Free On-Call Plus Clean Up Program

Residents may schedule 3 curbside collections of extra trash, yard waste and bulky goods by calling Recology at **650-967-3034**. Appointments may be scheduled any time before December 17, 2010 and can be used to set out extra material in an 8’L x 4’W x 4’H area PLUS up to 3 bulky goods such as a washer, sofa and mattress at no charge. Appointments may be exchanged for a voucher to self-haul to the SMaRT Station in Sunnyvale. No appointments scheduled December 20, 2010 through January 14, 2011.

*Find your collection day online: **www.mvrecycle.org** and click on collection schedule.



Color = Week A

Grey = Week B

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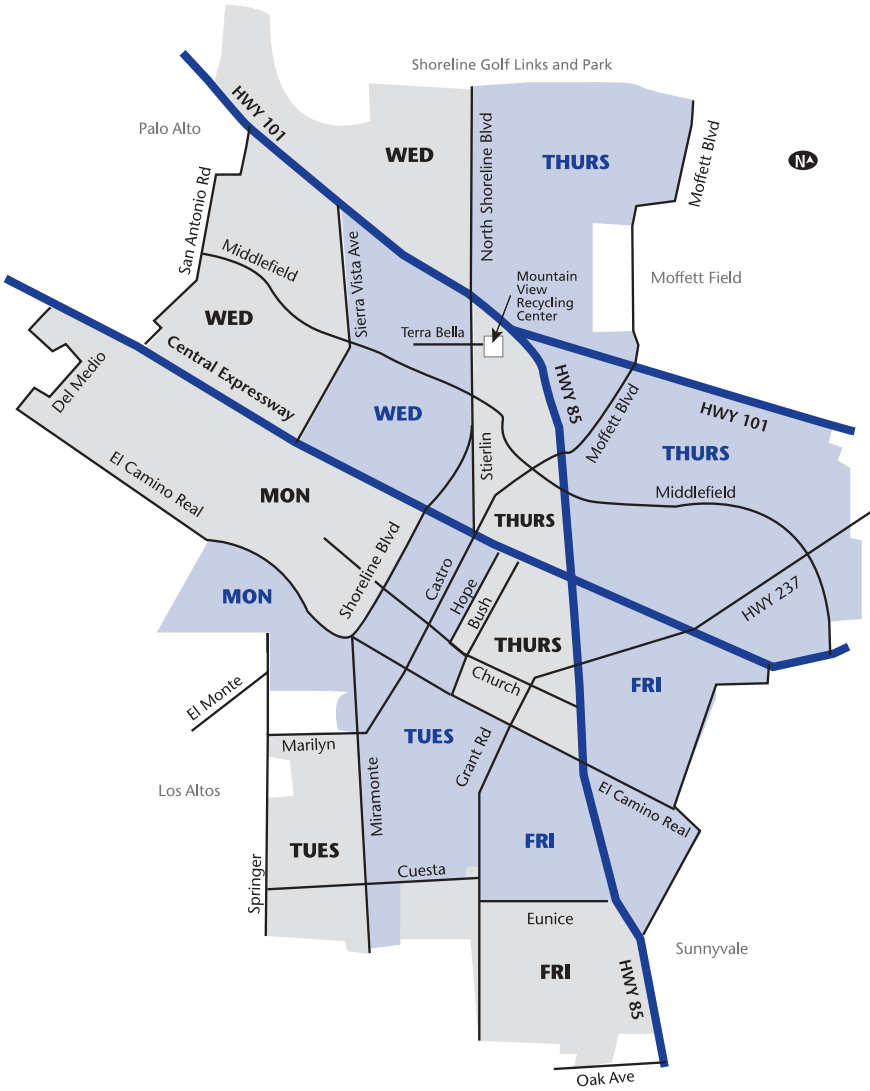
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E-Waste and Household Hazardous Waste Services

Effective February, 2006, California banned consumer electronics and other hazardous waste from the trash. These items cannot be placed in garbage or recycling containers because they contain lead, copper, mercury or chromium that can pollute the environment. The SMaRT Station and the County Household Hazardous Waste Program accept many items without charge. Recology also accepts many items in the On-Call Plus Clean Up Program without charge, but fees may apply for special handling of refrigerators, computer monitors and television sets.

Recology Mountain View (650-967-3034)
Curbside Collection
On Call Plus (no fee)

- Batteries (household¹)
- Cell phones², telephones, answering machines
- Computer disk drives
- Fax machines, calculators
- Keyboards, mouse
- Microwaves, stoves
- PDAs, camcorders, digital cameras
- Printers, scanners
- Radios, stereos, tape players/recorders
- VCRs, DVD players
- Washer, dryer
- Water heaters

Special Collection (fee)

- Air conditioners, refrigerators, freezers
- Computer monitors, laptops
- Televisions
- Tires

SMaRT Station (408-752-8530)
301 Carl Road, Sunnyvale (see map p.4)
(fee/no fee)

- Air conditioners, refrigerators, freezers (fee)
- Batteries (household¹ and vehicle)
- Cell phones², telephones, answering machines
- Computer monitors, laptops, disk drives
- Fax machines, printers, scanners, calculators
- Fluorescent tubes, compact bulbs
- Keyboard, mouse
- Microwaves (fee) and stoves (fee)
- PDAs, camcorders, digital cameras
- Radios, stereos, tape players/recorders
- Sharps (hypodermic needles)
- Televisions
- Thermometers, thermostats
- Tires (fee)
- VCRs and DVD players
- Washer, dryer (fee)
- Water heaters (fee)

County HHW Program
(408-299-7300 or www.hhw.org)
By Appointment Only (no fee)

- Batteries (household¹)
- Fire extinguishers, flares
- Fluorescent tubes, compact bulbs
- Oil, paints, solvents, pesticides
- Pool chemicals, asbestos
- Medicine
- Propane/balloon tanks
- Sharps (hypodermic needles)
- Smoke detectors
- Thermometers and thermostats.

¹ Household batteries may also be recycled through the residential curbside program (650-967-3034).

² Cell phones may be taken back to retail stores.

New
E-waste drop off-events
sponsored by Santa Clara County
and cities. Event locations and dates are variable
around the County, check www.mvrecycle.org
for updated information.

Recycling Directory

Bulb and Battery
Take-Back Locations

Fluorescent lamps (compact bulbs, straight, circular, spiral and U-bent tubes) and **Household batteries** (no automotive batteries) from residential households can be taken to the following locations free of charge:

- Lamps and batteries**
Blossom True Value Hardware
1297 W El Camino Real, 650-964-7871
(Leave with employee at register)
- Orchard Supply Hardware
2555 Charleston Road, 650-691-2000
(Leave at customer service desk)

Lamps only
New Era Lighting
2243 Old Middlefield Way, 650-940-1559

Batteries only
Wolfe Camera
1898 W El Camino Real, 650-968-5666

Services

Utility and garbage billing information
including starting or changing garbage accounts, and purchasing extra garbage tags.
City Finance and Administrative Services
Department
650-903-6317

Garbage and recycling collection
including pickup schedule, missed pickups, what’s recyclable, extra bins, extra yard trimmings, clean up and bulky goods services.
Recology Mountain View
650-967-3034

Household batteries can be taken to either Mountain View or SMaRT Station recycling centers. Residents with split carts may use curbside pickup (see page 2).

Household hazardous waste
free disposal by appointment.
County Toxics Hotline
408-299-7300
www.hhw.org

Home composting information
including free Bay-Friendly Gardening workshops, compost bins and brochures.
County Compost Hotline
408-918-4640
www.ReduceWaste.org

Pollution prevention information including best methods to reduce pollution.
City Environmental Safety Staff
650-903-6378

Recycling Leaders Program
City Public Works Department
650-903-6311

Water conservation information including methods, technology, and product rebates.
City Water Conservation Staff
650-903-6216

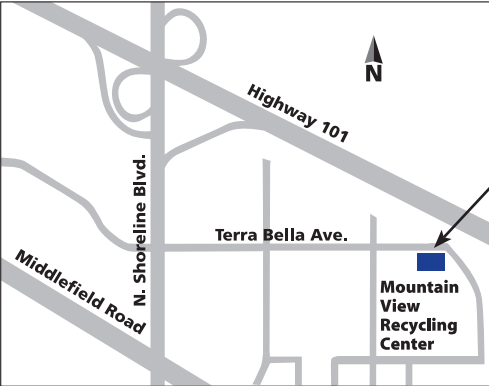
Visit the City of Mountain View’s web site for business or residential recycling information: **www.mvrecycle.org**



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Call 650-903-6311 or email recycle@mountainview.gov.

Buy-Back & Drop-Off
Recycling Centers

Mountain View sponsors two recycling centers where residents and businesses can drop off extra recycling or redeem “California Redemption Value” cans and bottles for cash.



Mountain View Recycling Center
935 Terra Bella Avenue,
Mountain View

Hours: Buy-back Tues-Sat 9 am–3 pm
Drop-off Mon-Sat 7:30 am to 6 pm.

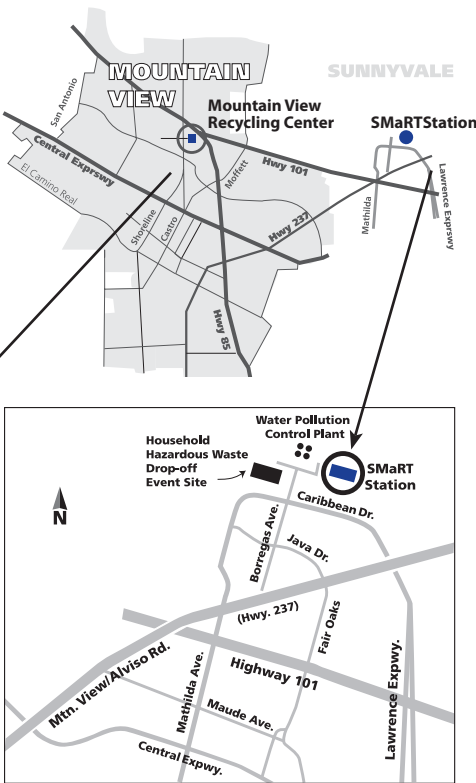
Questions? Call Recology Mountain View at 650-967-3034. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year’s Days.

Recyclables Accepted (no charge)

- Cardboard
- Glass bottles and jars
- Household batteries*
- Metal cans and lids
- Mixed Paper
- Newspaper
- Plastic bottles and tubs #1 through #7

* **Batteries are accepted only during Buy-Back hours, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Tuesday – Saturday**

Please take motor oil, antifreeze, vehicle batteries, fluorescent lights or construction material to the SMaRT Station.



SMaRT Station
301 Carl Road, Sunnyvale

The SMaRT Station is the materials recovery and refuse transfer facility shared by the Cities of Mountain View, Palo Alto and Sunnyvale. In addition to providing buy-back and drop-off services, the Station processes Mountain View’s garbage, yard trimmings, and recycling and accepts debris from the public (fee applies). Free compost and mulch may be picked up by residents at the drop-off center.

Hours: Daily 7 days a week 8 am–5 pm.

Questions? Call SMaRT at **408-752-8530**.

Recyclables Accepted (no charge)

- Cardboard
- Glass bottles and jars
- Household batteries
- Metal cans and lids
- Mixed Paper
- Newspaper
- Plastic bottles and tubs #1 through #7
- Plastic bags
- Scrap metal less than 6 feet long, pots and pans

Solid Waste & Recycling Calendar 2010		
March 6	Bay-Friendly Gardening Workshop — Worm Composting (San Jose) E-Waste Collection Event (see page 1)	Bay-Friendly Gardening To register call Santa Clara County Home Composting Program at 408-918-4640 or register online at www.reducewaste.org .
March 13	Arbor Day at Pioneer Park (info: 650-903-6273) Confidential Document Shredding Event (see page 1) Medication Disposal and Thermometer Exchange (see page 1)	
March 20	Bay-Friendly Gardening Workshop — Basics (Palo Alto)	
March 27	Confidential Document Shredding Event (see page 1)	
April 7	Green Business Workshop (info: 650-903-6311)	
April 10	Bay-Friendly Gardening Workshop — Soil Building (San Jose)	
April 17	Bay-Friendly Gardening Workshop — Soil Building (Palo Alto) Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day	
April 22	Earth Day (www.earthday.net)	
May 1	Citywide Garage Sale at Homes (see page 1)	
May 8	Community Yard Sale at Rengstorff Park (see page 1)	
May 15	National River Cleanup Day (www.cleanacreek.org) Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day	Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off To make an appointment, call Santa Clara County HHW Program at 408-299-7300 . Visit www.hhw.org for more information.
May 22	Bay-Friendly Gardening Workshop — Pest Management (Palo Alto)	
June 12	Bay-Friendly Gardening Workshop — Pest Management (Cupertino)	
June 19	Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day Bay-Friendly Gardening Workshop — Soil Building (Palo Alto)	
July 17	Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day	
August 21	Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day	
August 28	Confidential Document Shredding Event (see page 1)	